

What is claimed is:

[c1] 1. A screen for preventing the entry of debris into a gutter, comprising a tubular sleeve of mesh which at least substantially fills the gutter.

[c2] 2. A screen as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the sleeve is resilient and deformable such that once constrained at least partially within the gutter remains in position.

[c3] 3. A screen as claimed in Claim 2, comprising a first array of strands aligned in a first direction overlaid by and joined to a second array of strands aligned substantially at 90° to the first direction.

[c4] 4. A screen as claimed in Claim 2, comprising a first array of strands aligned in a first direction overlaid by and joined to a second array of strands aligned at an acute angle to the first direction.

[c5] 5. A screen as claimed in Claim 3, wherein a first array of mutually parallel strands are aligned in the generally longitudinal direction, the sleeve and a second array of mutually parallel strands arranged circumferentially, said first and second array of strands defining mesh apertures therebetween.

[c6] 6. A screen as claimed in Claim 5, wherein the spacing between the circumferential strands is closer than the spacing between the generally longitudinal strands.

[c7] 7. A screen as claimed in Claim 5, wherein the circumferential strands overlie the generally longitudinal strands.

[c8] 8. A screen as claimed in Claim 5, wherein the generally longitudinal strands are substantially helical.

[c9] 9. A screen as claimed in Claim 5, wherein the spacing in the first direction is 2.5 - 4.0mm and 3.5 - 6.0mm in the second direction.

- [c10] 10. A screen as claimed in Claim 5, wherein the strand size is 1.5-2.5mm.
- [c11] 11. A screen as claimed in Claim 5, wherein the screen is moulded as a continuous sleeve in which apertures are introduced.
- [c12] 12. A screen as claimed in Claim 5, wherein the sleeve is deformable to a substantially flat profile in order to permit rolling on a reel.
- [c13] 13. A screen as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the sleeve is formed as a flat strip of mesh and the two mutually parallel edges are joined to form a sleeve.
- [c14] 14. A screen as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the sleeve is made of HD polyolefin.
- [c15] 15. A screen as claimed in Claims 1, wherein the sleeve is made from a strip of expanded metal mesh which is joined to form a sleeve.
- [c16] 16. A screen as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the tubular sleeve diameter is 100-130mm.